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Royalty Back In Spain

Madrid, Feb. 18. Five thousand cheering Royalists enthusiastically cheered Infante Don Jaime and Infanta Dona Christina, brother and sister of Pretender Don Juan, when they arrived at Barajas airport in a Spanish airplane from Lisbon at 11.20 a.m. today.

The couple planned to stay over for two hours for lunch before taking off again for Barcelona.

The pair stepped onto Spanish soil for the first time since they fled with the Royal Family upon King Alfonso's abdication in April, 1931.

The Mayor of Madrid, Juan Moreno Torres, was the highest official welcoming the Royal couple. No Government representatives were present, but among the prominent persons present were Lieutenant General Alcala Zamora and Martin Almagro, both being the head of General Franco's military junta.

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PRICE SKYROCKETING FEAR

Reaction To Pegging Of Exchange

U.S. Dollars Turned In To Bank

Shanghai, Feb. 18. Prices of most of China's export commodities showed signs of skyrocketing less than 48 hours following the establishment of the new official exchange rate of 12,000 Chinese dollars to one American.

Government does not check the upward tendency immediately, exporters said prices of these goods again will soon exceed market prices in the United States and other foreign countries.

The new exchange rate would have enabled exporters to operate on a profitable basis and it had not been for simultaneous increase of commodity prices, exporters said.

Furthermore, owners of stock, fearing a further official devaluation, refused to sell their goods.

Out of a total of nearly 100,000 Chinese dollars in the market, only a few were willing to part with gold bars at what is generally regarded as the unattractive official price of C\$180,000 per ounce.

There is also a shortage of Chinese currency in Canton owing to the fact that during the height of the financial crisis many people bought considerable Hong Kong dollars and greenbacks. Value of these currencies is dropping, as holders are releasing them to resume normal business.

There is no truth in the rumor that new newspapers in Canton have been closed on account of the recent financial upset.

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France Wants 20-Year Pact

Paris, Feb. 17.

The French draft proposals for a projected Anglo-French alliance envisages a 20-year pact with an underlying conception of defensive alliance against Germany.

The French draft, it is learned, follows very closely the wording and content of the Franco-Soviet treaty.

It provides that neither party should enter into a system of alliance directed against the other party.

The main difference to the Franco-Soviet treaty is that the alliance is placed within the framework of the United Nations and it provides in general terms for Anglo-French economic cooperation.

In responsible quarters in Paris it is felt that the value of the new Anglo-French alliance in the proposed form will depend essentially on how the treaty is followed up.

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"TATLER" PHOTO GAVE HIM CLUE

London, Feb. 18.

Two men charged with embezzling £250,000 and who led the police of many nations on a two-year manhunt over three continents were believed to have been located in Switzerland today through a photograph printed in "The Tatler," an English society magazine.

An innocuous picture showing a man in evening clothes between an attractive blonde and an equally attractive brunette was accidentally spotted by a Walsall, Staffordshire, detective, Richard Greenhaugh.

The caption under the picture identified the subjects as Mr. and Mrs. Aldritt Squire and daughter, Shirley, of London.

Greenhaugh thought he recognized the picture as that of a Harold Aldritt Squire, 32, formerly managing director of a Walsall hardware firm who, with Miss H. Greenman, 45, his firm's London agent, were charged in a warrant issued on Feb. 14, 1945, with conspiracy to defraud £250,000 from 1936 to 1945.

Scotland Yard, which tried to trace the men through North and South America and Europe for 15 months, agreed with the identification. The Home Office was asked to open extradition proceedings.

The photograph showed the Squires at Palace Hotel, St. Moritz, Switzerland, at a New Year's Ball. The hotel said the Squires checked out on Jan. 8.

Unless the coal ships maintain steady deliveries from the northern mine area to Southern England it was feared the plans for reopening many industries by next Monday would be seriously retarded.

Fifteen coal ships at Seaham Dock, Gates in Durham County remained in port at noon because of heavy seas. Weather forecasters were dubious of any change in conditions.

Colliers had taken advantage of comparatively calm seas since late last week to move thousands of tons to Southern England and the increasing reserves had given promise of an early relaxation in power cuts.

From midnight until 8 a.m., 11 ships had brought 25,000 tons into the Thames.

The Ford Company announced that its Dagenham plant employing 14,000 workers would shut down on Thursday because of shortage of small parts manufactured by firms hit by fuel cuts.

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LATEST IN WAR STORIES

New York, Feb. 17.

Mr. Samuel Eliot Morison, noted Harvard University historian who was commissioned in the naval reserve in 1942 to prepare the naval history of World War II, claims that the United States was forced to abandon plans for a second front in France in 1942 or 1943 because of British opposition.

He said the Americans were not sympathetic with the compromise African invasion which delayed the European front attack until 1944.

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King's Speech At Capetown Banquet

Capetown, Feb. 17.

King George VI, in reply to a welcoming speech by the Prime Minister, Field Marshal Jan Smuts, at a State banquet tonight said: "The loyalty and affection which have been shown us during these brief hours since our arrival will ever remain a treasured memory."

"This is a wonderful evening for the Queen and me since it marks the fulfillment of a long-felt wish. We would have come to South Africa many years ago but for compelling duties and the necessities of war."

"But thank God victory is ours and that at last I can tell my South African people in person how deeply I honour them for the splendid contribution to it they made."

"You, General Smuts, have guided your country with sure hands through the second as well as the first world war, and the whole Commonwealth is deeply indebted to you."

"Like all nations you have had problems to solve in the aftermath of war but statesmanship has not failed you in the past hundred years and I am confident it will guide you steadily towards a just and contented relationship between all dwellers in your many-peopled land."

"By achieving such a relationship you can show to the troubled world how the peoples of different race and colour may live and work together for the common good."

In his welcoming speech General Smuts said: "South Africa was coyness the visit

would serve to strengthen the bonds of goodwill and friendship among the members of the great family—the nations of the Commonwealth."

"Above all we rejoice in the fact that your Majesty's visit will present an opportunity to the men and women and children of all South African races of greeting and offering loyal affection to their King and Queen."

Cheering throngs waved British and South African flags and the Royal Family acknowledged the ovation with smiles and nods.

The King was in a white uniform and the Queen wore her favourite blue topped with ostrich feathers and diamonds.

Princess Elizabeth wore blue and Princess Margaret wore light pink.

The Princesses, travelling abroad for the first time, seemed amazed at everything—from the strikingly beautiful mountains in the background to the tree-lined streets and exotic flowers.

The party leaves by train on Friday for a 10,000 mile tour of the youngest British Dominion.

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Comic Strip Legislation

Indianapolis, Feb. 17.

Unauthorized use of atomic bomb may soon be illegal in the state of Indiana, it was learned today.

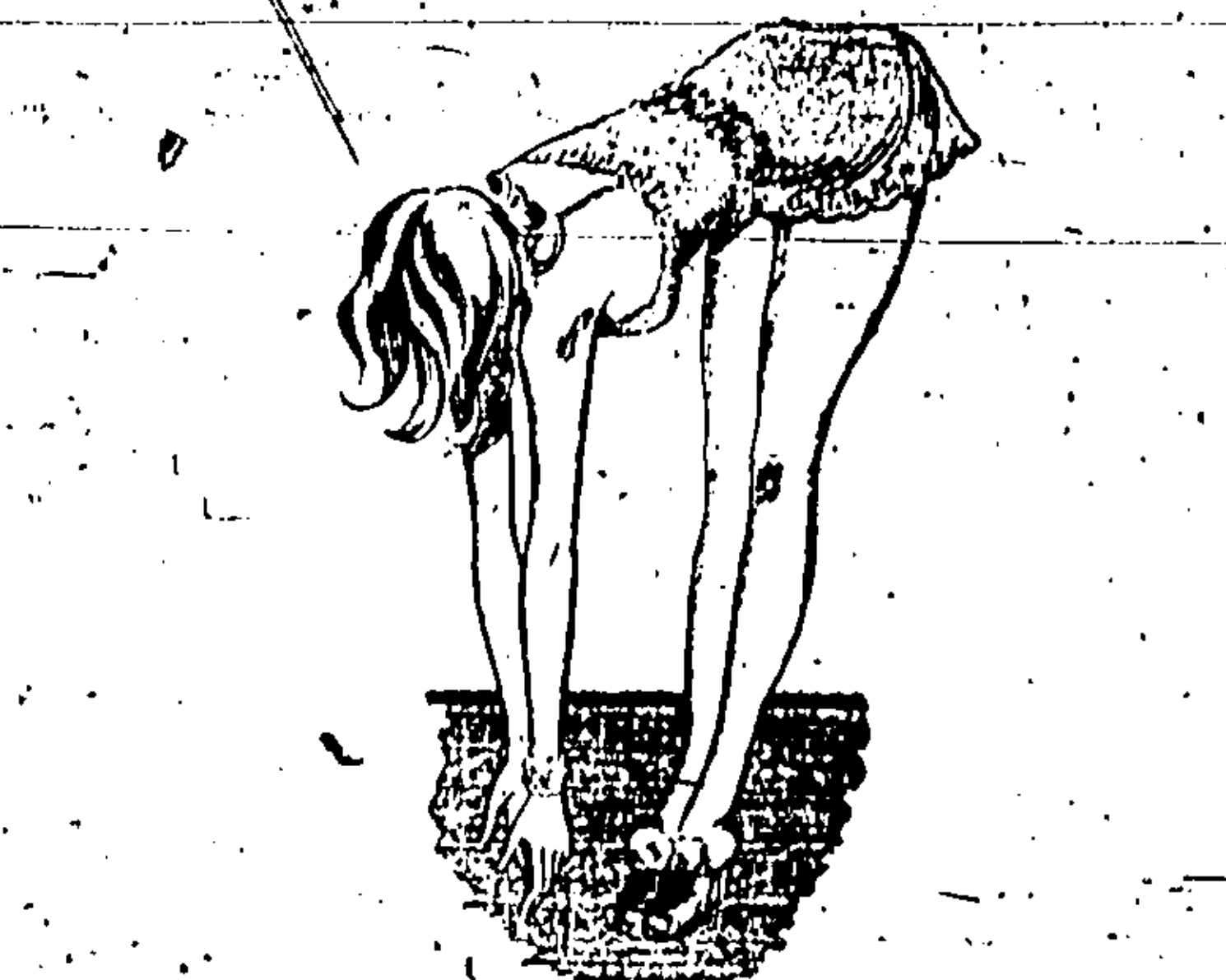
Legislation to that effect, despite ridicule on the part of some members of the Legislature, has survived efforts to kill it and has been advanced to the third reading.

The bill, which would prevent atom bombs falling into the hands of gangsters.

Senator Charles Fleming, author of the bill, said it would prevent atom bombs falling into the hands of gangsters.

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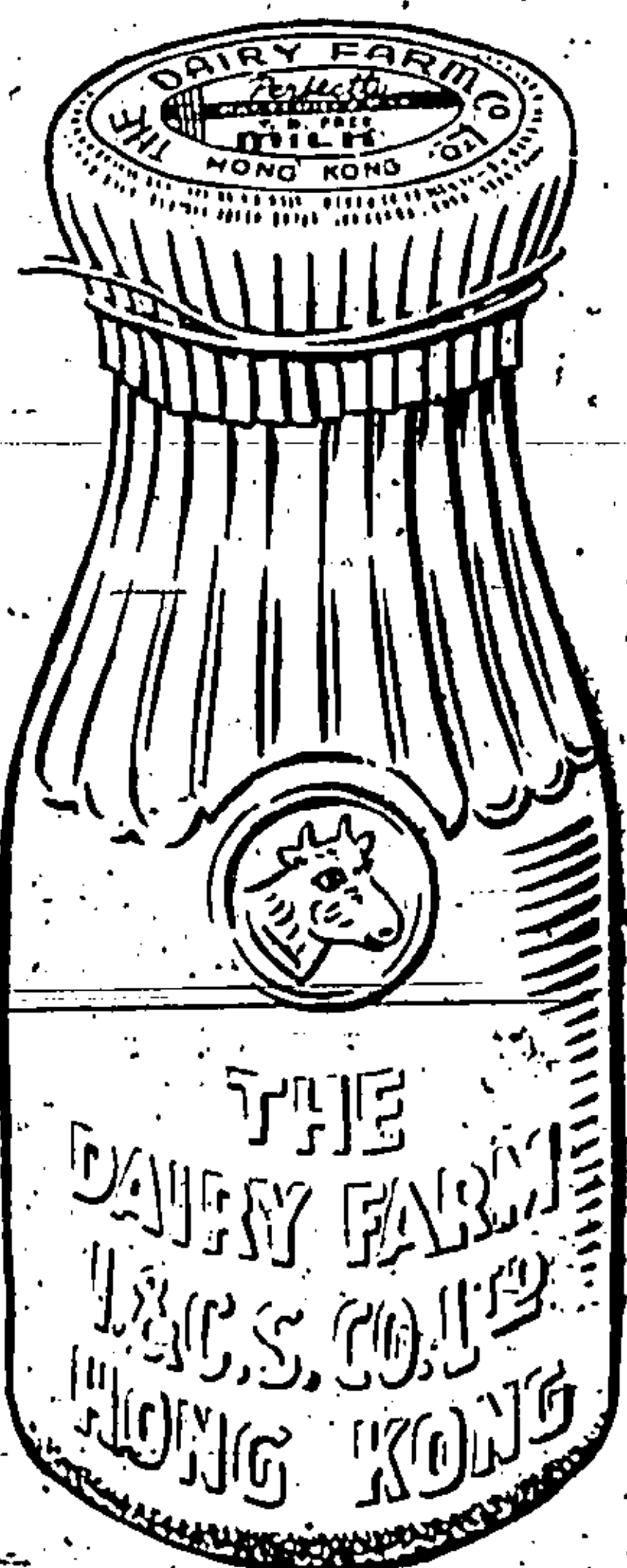


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"SAI ON" ENQUIRY ENDS Expert Evidence By Analyst

The Marine Court of Enquiry concluded its investigation into the "Sai On" fire shortly after noon yesterday, after taking expert evidence from two ship surveyors and a Government analyst, and adjourned to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, for announcement of its findings.

The Court was told by Inspector R. J. Clark of the Police Waterfront Unit that a total of 132 bodies had been recovered. Of this number, 121 had been taken from the ship and 11 from the harbour. Forty-one had been identified.

First witness yesterday was Mr. W. G. R. Coates, surveyor of the Harbour Department, who listed rubber sheets, smoked rubber sheets, charcoal, raw cotton, carbon sheets, gunny bags, medical preparations and vaseline and white mineral oil below 500° flash point as category A goods under the Dangerous Goods Regulations of 1940. They were taken from a list of cargo carried on the "Sai On".

There was no limit to the quantity of such goods that could be carried provided they were stowed under hatches, if carried on open deck, they must be covered by substantial tarpaulin and there must be no smoking or naked light. Raw cotton covered with bamboo matting was not a sufficient covering.

Zinc Sheets
Questioned whether he had any theory to account for the intensity of the fire and the colour of the flame, Mr. Coates said it was possible that if zinc sheets, which were carried on the "Sai On", were stowed near inflammable cargo which caught fire, and if the temperature approached red heat, about 600 degrees centigrade, the zinc sheets would oxidize and burn, giving off an intense whitish green flame.

Mr. W. R. K. Collings, another ship surveyor of the Harbour Department, said he visited the "Sai On" at 9.30 a.m. on the morning of the fire, and he also made a subsequent visit to it. The disposition of the cargo as shown on the chart was substantially correct. The main deck was well filled with cargo, among which he could identify a lot of paper in bales, several bales of raw cotton and several bales of smoked rubber sheets. He found no substantial tarpaulin on the main deck, which might have been placed over the cargo.

Deck Space
Asked if he considered the available clear space on the main deck was sufficient to accommodate from 250 to 300 persons, Mr. Collings said that if the whole of the clear space was accepted as passenger space it could accommodate this number, but he could not consider passageways between cargoes as space for passengers, and he would only accept the clear space right aft of the ship as passenger space with accommodation for 80 to 90 persons.

Mr. Collings added that when he visited the "Sai On" he found the two cargo port doors on the starboard side open, and he believed the two aft stairways leading from the main deck to the upper deck and the forward stairway leading through the crew space to the upper deck to have been open.

The width of the stairways was as prescribed by regulations for an existing ship, and he considered the exits which were available were sufficient for any normal fire. Even if all the cargo ports were closed, the exits provided by the stairways were adequate under the regulations.

Alleys Adequate
The ship's anti-piracy grilles in the passenger spaces were open, except those which are permanent fittings.

Mr. Collings considered the alleyways left clear of cargo were adequate to clear the main deck of passengers in case of a normal fire.

Mr. W. G. Humphreys, an officer of the Revenue Department, was called to testify on a point raised by previous witnesses to the effect that the port cargo ports were ordered by Revenue officers to be closed after the loading of cargo had ceased. He said the Revenue Department had no order concerning the opening or closing of cargo ports on river steamers or any other steamers, and he was not aware of the practice mentioned. There was no regulation governing the matter.

Mr. John Redman, analyst of the Medical Department, told the Court that potassium chlorate would readily ignite, giving off an intense heat with a violet flame, and this also

AIR MARSHAL ARRIVING

Air Marshal Sir George Pirrie, K.B.E., C.B.E., D.F.C., and Lord Pirrie will be arriving at Kai Tak airfield this afternoon at 4.30 by Transport Command Dakota.

During their two days' stay in Hong Kong, Air Marshal and Lady Pirrie will be the guests of the Governor, Sir N. Webster, C.B.E., A.F.C., Air Officer Commanding Hong Kong.

New Sessions Begin

Of the 34 prisoners in 20 cases brought up at the commencement of the February Criminal Sessions yesterday, five prisoners pleaded guilty and were sentenced.

The remainder were remanded until dates for hearing of their trials are fixed.

Those who pleaded guilty were Cheung Ching-choi, sentenced to 15 years' hard labour for demanding \$15,000 with menaces from the Queen's Theatre; Sin Man-kwai, Lau Chi and Lam Chuen, each given eight years and 10 strokes of the cane for robbery; and Tse Chiu-hin, sentenced to nine years and 10 strokes for robbery.

Two British seamen, Robert Stanley and Frederick Franks, charged with the manslaughter of Inspector A. S. Anderson, were among those who pleaded not guilty.

Others who pleaded not guilty included Mohammed Sadig and Mohamed Asgar, both charged with collaboration; and Wan Ying-tuen, Chan Wing and Wan Shui-fong, jointly charged with murdering a Chinese, after which they fled to Hong Kong.

Money Market
All excitement in Chinese National Currency in the local money market has died down. Futures were yesterday quoted at 39 1/2 cents. Spot fluctuated between 30 and 34 cents for C.N.S. 1000, and closed at 32 cents.

KOTEWALL-BERGEN WEDDING
The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lawrence Cyril Kotewall, only son of Sir Robert H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., and the late Lady Kotewall, to Miss Gertrude Stella Van Bergen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Bergen.

A sentence of nine years' hard labour and 10 strokes was imposed by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, P.S. Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on Tse Chiu-hin who pleaded guilty to robbing a woman of \$120.

Price Control Offences

Another batch of profiteers appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in answer to summonses issued at the instance of Inspector Nalloth of the S. T. & L. for breach of the Price Control regulations. Fines ranging from \$20 to \$150 were imposed.

Wong Kwai-yau of the Cheung Wah Kee store, 108 Canton Road, was fined \$150 for selling a tin of condensed milk for \$1.40 (controlled price, 80 cents), and \$40 for failing to display a price tag.

An Men-jen of the Man On store, 60 Sai-yung-choi Street, was fined similar amounts for selling a tin of condensed milk for \$2.40 (three times the controlled price), and failure to affix a price tag.

Other offenders were: Ho Kai of Kai Kee, 400 Shanghai Street, 1 lb. hard sweets for \$2 (\$1.60), \$20; Chung Shau-ming, Chung Wah Hong, 616 Shanghai Street, 1 lb. hard sweets for \$1.90 (\$1.60), \$20; Ngan Tak, Wah Cheung, 145 Heung-tun Street, one 40-watt electric bulb for \$2.50 (\$1.25), \$25.

Tse Yee Yiu Cheung, 167A Bechoan-tun Street, 1 tin condensed milk for \$1.51 (60c), \$10; no price tag, \$10; Chen Chik-wing, Kung Kung, 5 Canton Peak Road, 1 packet Three Castles cigarettes (10s) for 60c, (55c), \$20; no price tag, \$10; Lee Tak-shan, 177 Tung Choi Street, 1 tin condensed milk for \$1.50 (60c), \$20.

Ma Shan, San Heung, 146 Tam Kung Road, 1 tin condensed milk for \$1.20 (60c), \$10; no price tag, \$10; Li Lok, Kwong Shing, 51 Pak Tai Street, 1 tin condensed milk for \$1.20 (60c), \$10; no price tag, \$10; Kwan Koo-chen, Yick On, 152 Tam Kung Road, half a pound hard sweets for \$1.11 (\$1.00), \$10; no price tag, \$10; Wong Yiu-wing, 91 Wah, 400 Shanghai Street, one 40-watt electric bulb for \$2.50 (\$1.25), \$25.

Cheung Shuen-hoi, Chapman's Furniture Co., 318 Nathan Road, half a pound ketchup for \$1.00 (\$1.00), \$20; no price tag, \$10; Yew Kam Hing, Golden Dragon, 313 Nathan Road, 1 prophylactic tooth brush for \$1.50 (\$1.20), \$150; Wong Yiu-ching, Tai Kwong, 308 Lai Chi Kok Road, 1 40-watt electric bulb for \$2.50 (\$1.25), \$25.

Racketeer Fined

A hawker, Chan Kwok-chung, was fined \$200 for five months' imprisonment yesterday by Mr. Salisbury for possession of five cinema tickets.

Mr. M. J. Harkins of S. T. and I. said he saw defendant at the King's Theatre on Sunday at 3.15 p.m. buying five tickets, after which he again went into the queue to purchase more. He informed a constable who saw him count three packets of tickets.

Defendant told the magistrate that he bought five tickets, and wanted to buy another. He wanted six at first but was only permitted to buy five. He added that the tickets were for his friends.

Defendant called several witnesses in his defence, but their stories did not agree with defendant's.

C.-IN-C. SPEAKS AT ROTARY

A large attendance at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Hong Kong Rotary Club listened to an interesting address given by Vice-President Sir Denis Boyd on Naval Aviation.

The speaker was thanked by the President, Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, who also welcomed the Club's honorary members, Major General C. W. E. Drake and Air Commodore S. N. Webster.

TRAM ROUTES RESUMING

The Tramway Company announces the resumption of the service between Whitty Street and Kennedy Town, as from March 1, and the resumption of the service west of the Western Market to Whitty Street on the same day.

Tokyo, Feb. 17.
The North-West Airlines "tail-blazer" took off from here at 10 a.m. today for Seoul. The huge C-54 is expected to land at Seoul at 3 or 4 p.m.

It is understood it will remain in Seoul overnight and then depart for Shanghai.

Pleading guilty to robbery by two or more, Sin Man-kwai, Lau Chi and Lam Chuen were each sentenced to eight years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, P.S. Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

LAST HOURS IN H.K. STORY READ IN COURT

At yesterday's hearing of the War Crimes Trial of Colonel Noma Kenosuke, when the case for the defence was closed, extracts from the book, "I Escaped from Hong Kong," by Mr. J. H. Marsman, were read by Captain J. N. Whitehorn, Advisory Officer to Defending Counsel.

The closing addresses will be delivered at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24.

Taking the witness stand, Captain Whitehorn read the following extracts from "I Escaped from Hong Kong": "Meanwhile, at the corner, Major Manners and Shields were talking with Jap Officers of high rank. Shields called 'Marsman', Marsman. The summons was very welcome. I was not enjoying the special classification into which I apparently had been placed, off there to one side.

"The Japanese wanted our Committee—Shields, Manners and me—to cross No. 1's Land the next morning under a white flag, visit Governor Sir Mark Young at Headquarters and persuade him to surrender."

"We were all agreed that further resistance was useless. We had proof of that. On the march from Repulse Bay we had tried to estimate the number of Japanese troops and believed there were at least five thousand Japanese and also two thousand horses and mules, as well as quantities of field guns, all ferried to the island by the Japanese."

Flag Of Truce
"Major Manners and Shields were willing to go on the mission through Happy Valley to the British lines. While I approved of it, I did not think that I should interfere myself officially with the British. After all, in Hong Kong I had no standing except as a visitor."

"As a bona fide citizen of the Philippines," I said, "I don't think I should interfere in something which concerns the Crown Colony and the Japanese. My place is with our civilians." So it was agreed after some discussion.

"We spent Christmas morning going around doing what we could for those most exhausted and feverish. It was the only Christmas present we had to offer. Meanwhile, we wondered how Major Manners and Shields, who remained at Jap Headquarters that night, were coming out in their surrender mission."

"Major Manners and Shields joined us that afternoon; their mission completed. We crowded round them to get their story. They had crossed Happy Valley under a white flag shortly before dawn and were taken to the Governor's Headquarters at around 8 a.m."

Mission Over
"Come and have some breakfast," Sir Mark Young invited, and they joined him in a hearty Christmas meal. We were not much interested in the details of that."

"At first Sir Mark had postulated their counsel that the situation was hopeless and surrender inevitable. That's all nonsense, they simply landed 'snipers' he concluded."

"They patiently explained in detail what they had seen on our march across the island. They argued with fervour until 11 a.m. with interruptions while the Governor held conferences with General Paul Mallby and members of the British Commandant's staff. Shortly before noon, Sir Mark was convinced that surrender was inevitable. Major Manners and Shields could only tell him that they were in no condition and that they himself had to walk to the Japanese lines under a white flag."

"Their mission completed, Major Manners and Shields returned to the Japanese lines." Captain Whitehorn then read out an advertisement inserted by Noma in the "Hong Kong News" on July 27, 1944, in connection with the existence of wild dogs and action to be taken by dog-owners.

Killed By Dog
Captain Whitehorn concluded his testimony by reading an item of news appearing in the "Hong Kong News" of July 30, 1944, relative to the killing of a Chinese woman by a wild dog in the vicinity of the Peak Tramway Station, and subsequent efforts by the Gendarmes to track down this dog.

The last witness to be called by the defence was Matsuda Kenichi, at present serving an eight year sentence at Stanley, who said that he had never heard of any incident in which wild dogs were being executed by the Gendarmes.

On the application of Defence Counsel, the Court adjourned until Monday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. when the closing addresses will be delivered.

The case is being heard before Lieut. Col. C. F. Ball (President) and Major M. L. Ombay and Captain R. B. Gormley (Members).

Major D. G. MacGregor, in the Prosecuting Office, while Noma is represented by Mr. Whitehorn, Tatsuichi (Japanese Barrister).

From The Courts

For snatching a tin containing \$1.65 from the stall of Yau Ho, a hawker on Feb. 17, Chan Hoi was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. The money was ordered to be returned to the complainant.

A fine of \$150, or three months' hard labour, was imposed on Cheng Ting by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to the larceny of 15 angle irons from Whitfield Barracks on Feb. 17.

Ticket Scalper
Chan Cheuk, unemployed, was fined \$125 by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on being convicted on the charge of offering a Second Class K.C.R. ticket for sale at \$21 at 7.50 a.m. on Feb. 17.

The \$21 found on defendant was ordered to be confiscated to the Poor Box.

Sergeant In Court

C/Sgt. Alfred Smiles, aged 22 of Murray Barracks, was yesterday charged before Mr. H. Sheldon with possessing a .45 calibre automatic and 15 rounds of ammunition without a licence, No. 40 Queen's Road Central, on Monday.

Defendant stated that the revolver was a souvenir. S.I. Willerton, prosecuting, said that on information that defendant was offering a revolver for sale to a Chinese, the police waited in Queen's Road Central on Sunday at about 2 p.m. Defendant was pointed out and on entering a restaurant, he was met by the Police and searched.

An officer said that defendant was in the Royal Air Force as a fighter pilot in 1942 and was invalided out. He joined the Army as a private and saw service in the European Theatre and Norway and promoted to Sgt. Later volunteered for service in the Eastern Theatre.

Defendant was remanded for hours in military custody.

WAR CRIMES
Tomcrow, at No. 7 War Crime Court, two ex-members of the Police General Staff will be tried for the alleged killing of 11 Chinese civilian residents of Tai po in 1942. The accused are Sgt. Major Ogasawara Hirotsuyo and Sgt. Kawai Hisao, Sgt. Major Ogasawara is also charged with the maintenance of two further civilians.

The trial will commence at 10 a.m. The President of the Court will be Lt. Col. L. F. Bull.

COUNCIL MEETING
When Legislative Council met on Thursday, the Attorney General will move the Second and Third readings of:

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the Pension Ordinance, 1932."

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the Police Force Ordinance, 1932."

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance for the establishment and administration of a Hong Kong War Memorial Fund."

SMOKERS FINED
The keeper of an opium dvan at No. 23 Queen's Road West, was fined \$1,250 or six months by Mr. R. X. G. Almeida at Central yesterday and 10 smokers were fined \$20. Two smokers had bail of \$30 estimated.

Lau Wing of 10 Wing Lok Street was fined \$250 for a similar offence. Thirteen smokers found on his premises were fined \$15 each.

ALL-NIGHT LEAVE FOR RATINGS

With accommodation for 500 available at the China Ferryland and 100 more at the Shing Lee and Soldiers Home and the Chinese Soldiers' Home, over 800 Chinese ratings will be spending their all-night leave in Hong Kong since the liberation.

Queen's Theatre Case

"In view of the seriousness of the crime, I am giving you a heavy sentence," said Mr. Justice E.H. Williams, P.M. Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when sentencing Chow Chung-ki, 29, broker, to 16 years' hard labour for demanding \$16,000 with menaces from the Queen's Theatre on November 16, last.

His Lordship issued a warning to the bench that he would take a very serious view in future cases of similar nature.

Plauding guilty Chow said that he gave money to a friend, So Ting, to buy cinema tickets for black market trading. On the following day, Chow said, So returned to tell him that all the purchased tickets were seized and confiscated.

Showing his newspaper reports, Chow alleged, So told him to write a letter to the Queen's Theatre to demand the money with bombing threats in order to recover his loss. At So's suggestion, accused said, he wrote the letter.

Fochoow, Feb. 17.

The temperature today dropped four below zero in the worst cold wave in 10 years. A light snowfall occurred in Fochoow and its environs. Several cases of death due to exposure were reported. United Press.

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS ON PRESS PRIVILEGE

"We cannot suppress the Press. Reporters are fully entitled to report what has been said in open Court," declared Mr. H. W. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday in reply to Crown Counsel's statement that the Press had been asked to delete from their records certain references made by Inspector P. Smith to a letter received from Mr. Marcus da Silva on Jan. 24.

Mr. A. Lonsdale was replying to Mr. Silva's protest against the implication contained in the words "the solicitor's clerk taking advantage of the lack of knowledge of the identity of the second accused and representing him as an interpreter," used in the Crown's opening of the case against Yu Ting-wah and Wong Chup-on on Monday.

Mr. Silva said that on reading the report of the proceedings in the newspapers he was struck, as must be all discerning readers, by the implication that his clerk brought Dr. Wong Chup-on to see the first defendant under the cloak of an interpreter. As mentioned in his letter, said Mr. Silva, Dr. Wong went as an additional interpreter as his clerk was unable to understand Mandarin. There was no intention whatsoever of doing anything underhand.

Mr. Latimer pointed out to Mr. Silva that the Court was fully satisfied that at the time the statement was made there was no implication whatever made against Mr. Silva or his clerk.

Mr. Lonsdale assured Mr.

book and chop was produced second defendant left without making any reply. The amount deposited, said Yu, is still in the bank.

An assistant of the Chu Yau Lan Metal Merchants of 122 Wing Lok Street, Chu Leung, stated in evidence that on Jan. 19, he was asked by Wong Kwun-yun and Ho Ping, who had called five days earlier with an offer of tin, to assist them to engage coolies and junkies to transport some tin. He went with Ho to the Sai Kung Wharf and there engaged 10 coolies and a junk, while Wong engaged another junk. On Ho producing a document to a man on the lighter, 900 ingots of tin were loaded into his junk, and more on the other.

On the following day, he went with Wong and Ho to the Pak Hing Lung Co., where he saw the tin from his junk being carried into the shop. Wong was paid some money by a man in the shop, while he was given \$380 for coolie and junk hire.

Inspector P. Smith, Water Police, described the events leading up to the arrest of the first accused, as detailed in the Crown's opening, and went on to state that on Jan. 23, he asked Yu Ting-wah whether he was at present serving with the Chinese Nationalist Army. Receiving a reply in the negative, he asked accused whether he had any official position in the Chinese Nationalist Government. The reply was again in the negative.

On Feb. 12, said Insp. Smith, he arrested Dr. Wong Chup-on at 6 Lock Road, first floor. This defendant stated, when the warrant was read out to him, "I do not know such a thing."

Letter From Mr. Da Silva

After Mr. Hing-yung, interpreter, had given corroborative evidence, Inspector Smith re-entered the stand where he testified to having received a letter from Mr. Marcus da Silva, through the clerk, on Jan. 24 requesting that Mr. Lee, the clerk in question, be allowed to see the accused, Yu Ting-wah. The letter also stated that Mr. Lee would be accompanied by a Mr. Wong Chup-on who could act as an interpreter, said witness, who went on to declare that he did not then know who Mr. Wong Chup-on was.

Continuing, witness said that he told Mr. Lee that as Yu Ting-wah had not yet been charged he could not allow him to interview him. Some time later, Insp. Smith said, he received instructions from the Legal Department that he must allow Mr. Silva's clerk to go and see the accused. As he had to go out that morning, he left word at the office that should Mr. Lee return he should be allowed to see Yu Ting-wah.

"On my return to the Station," said witness, "I found Mr. Lee sitting in my desk interviewing the accused. My own interpreter, Mr. Un, informed me that the interpreter used for the interview was Dr. Wong Chup-on, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the case."

During the course of ques-

FOOD FIGURES

The Labour Office's Food and Fuel costs for the week ended February 10, follow:

	Cattle
Wheat, Flour & Pies	\$4.7000
Vegetable	1.9 7000
Butter	2 3000
Oil	1.5400
Tea	2 5000
Salt Fish	2 5400
Pork	4 6000
Pineapple	10.0 10000
Bean Curd, 10 pieces	7.000
Total	\$12.0000

Timing by Insp. Smith, said George Mok, interpreter, in his evidence. Wong Chup-on was alleged to have stated that he knew Yu Ting-wah when he was a Colonel in the Chinese Army 15 years ago. When he met first accused outside the Bank of East Asia, in December, last year, Wong was alleged to have declared, Yu told him that he was the representative of the Cheong Ming Transportation Co. The second accused, according to witness, also stated that he had been to see Li Yim-pun, manager of the Kwong Shing Cheong Co., with a letter from Yu and that after reading the contents the manager stated that he would "fix the matter" with Yu.

Purchase Of Ingots

Dr. Wong, said witness, also stated that he received \$60,000 from his brother in Shanghai and that after spending \$10,000 on family affairs he banked the remainder. The second accused, declared Mok, denied that he had told Li that he was representing Yu or that he had ever asked about the tin deposited by Yu. He was further alleged to have declared that he did not even know whether Yu had any tin.

P/S Chan Shu-sheng, who acted as interpreter during another interview between Insp. Smith and second defendant, stated that Dr. Wong, while admitting having gone to the manager of the China Industrial Bank and informing the latter that his (Dr. Wong's) bank pass book was in the possession of Yu Ting-wah who had been arrested, denied having attempted to withdraw any money from the bank. Second defendant further said, declared witness, that Yu went to his house on Jan. 23 to try and borrow some money and that as he had none he handed the bank book to first accused. Yu told him at the time, second defendant was alleged to have stated, that the money was wanted to repay the Kwong Shing Cheong Co.

Lau Pak-lok, manager of the Pak Hing Loong, 24 Queen's Street, testified to having purchased two lots of tin ingots, amounting to 250 and 900 pieces respectively, from a certain Mr. Wong who was introduced by a Chu Wai-fu. He paid \$42,567.50 for the first lot, and \$140,778 for the second. The 250 ingots, declared witness, were melted down to fill an order, while the 900 ingots were deposited with the Chi Hing as security for a loan of \$169,000.

NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 4 of 1947.

Coast of French Indo-China, Prohibited Areas.

A. Masters are notified that entry into the following areas without prior permission is prohibited by order of the French Authorities:

1. The area enclosed by the parallel of 12° 54' N. (Cap VARELLA)

The parallel of 12° 22' N. (HON-CHA-LA). The low water mark from VARELLA to point MUCANH (entrance of PORT DAYOT). Thence by a line from MUCANH to the northern point of the island of HON-CHA-LA.

The Meridian of 105° 27' E. (VARELLA AREA).

2. The area extending 5 nautical miles to seaward from the low water mark between the parallels of 11° 50' N. and 11° 52' N. (BA-DAI Bay).

3. The area extending 3 nautical miles to seaward from the low water mark between the parallels of 11° 08' N. and 11° 18' N. (Cape PADARAN).

4. The area extending 3 nautical miles to seaward from the low water mark, bounded on the north by a parallel of 11° 11' N. and on the west by the meridian of 105° 31' E. (Point LEGAN).

5. The area extending 3 nautical miles to the South East from the low water mark between position 10° 08' N., 108° 30' E. (THIEN THEN Bay) and position 10° 58' N., 108° 20' E.

6. The area extending 3 nautical miles to seaward from the low water mark, bounded on the north by the parallel of 10° 54' N. and on the west by the meridian of 107° 50' E. (POINTE DE KEGA).

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J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1947.

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The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th Feb., 1947.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction

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Dated this 17th day of February, 1947.

By order of the Board,
S. GROVE,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

Letters are awaiting delivery at Medical Headquarters for the following persons:

Mrs. S. Hobbs
Mrs. N. Haynes
Mrs. Nora Olsen
Miss M. Larsen
Mrs. M. M. Mather
Miss Tam Wai Chi

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the above-mentioned persons is kindly invited to inform Medical Headquarters, stating, in writing, their address.

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.

Hongkong, 18th Feb., 1947.

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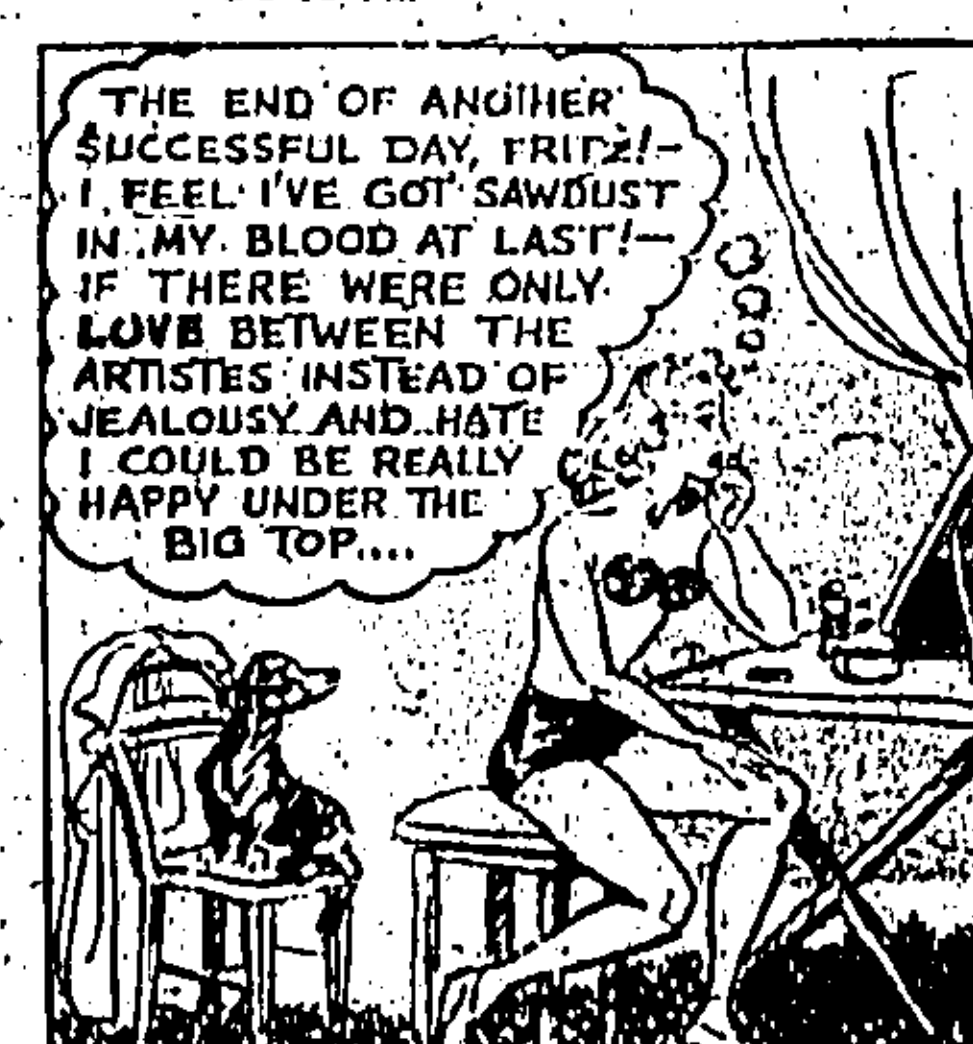
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Whitty Street	Causeway Bay	6.31 a.m.	11.59 p.m.
Whitty Street	Happy Valley	6.30 a.m.	11.58 p.m.

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From	To	First Car	Last Car
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Kennedy Town	Whitty Street	6.54 a.m.	9.56 p.m.

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Rule 31. Any person offending against or committing a breach of any of these rules shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

By notification in the same Gazette the Governor-in-Council has ordered that the foregoing amendment shall come into operation effective as from the 12th day of February, 1947.

W. F. SIMMONS,
Deputy General Manager,
Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1947.



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SELF-HELP IN HOUSING

The accommodation shortage in Hong Kong today remains the Colony's foremost community problem. It is not official worry, with the income tax threat merely lending emphasis. Eighteen months after the re-occupation, finds Government with a depressingly inadequate housing policy. To date more than 250 European families are listed officially as in need of a house in that while the total number of applicants involved is not known, the number of people among the European population (apart from their families, who want to become tenants of a private house) that is estimated at well over a thousand. Meanwhile, large sums of money continue to change hands between money racketeers and those who have either become desperate in their search for a home or have money to spare. The "armourer" game, perhaps, an inspiration from a unique community effort in Australia which is successfully diminishing the housing shortage in at least one section of the country by the pooling of labour, knowledge and equipment. According to a just-returned visitor on a short visit to Hong Kong, a thriving Home Builders' Club is responsible for at least one house going up in every district of the metropolitan area. With 200 members, the club has 17 houses nearly completed and foundations are going down at a steady rate of one a fortnight.

Members of this particular Club include manufacturers, clerks, ovensellers and accountants. The idea was first introduced by the building inspector of the Adelaide District Council and at the first meetings there were about 500 members. This figure later dwindled to 200 permanent enthusiasts. The first job they tackled was the making of bricks. The local government regulations require that all bricks must be tested by District Council inspectors or by the university so that they had to be up to standard. Also they had to overcome a permit regulation but this was finally lifted for houses not costing more than \$1000, and the members were able to go ahead with building as soon as they had materials. The Club members buy a shilling for a year, meet once a fortnight and receive expert lectures on home building from volunteers. So far they own scaffolding, a theodolite for measuring levels and a square. Any member may hire the scaffolding at ten shillings a time for two weeks. Some have bought their own cement-mixers, others have made theirs. An interesting feature of this enterprise is that each member's card has a credit and a debit side. Hours worked by him for others and vice-versa are recorded so that when he needs help he can call upon the Club for so many hours' assistance, and he must be prepared to give help when asked. To see this "regulation" enforced among the Club members, a labour organiser was appointed shortly after its formation. The Hong Kong atmosphere is scarcely suitable for a scheme of this kind. It may encourage ideas for the formation of a different type of self-help organisation, for indications are clear enough that those who wait for government, may wait a long time.

TYPHOID OUTBREAK

Singapore, Feb. 17. Out of the thousand British servicemen disembarked at Singapore on February 8 from the 26,889 tons Royal Mail transport "Amoy," nine cases of suspected typhoid have been admitted to the British 47th General Hospital. It was learned today and there has been one death from an undiagnosed cause. -Router.

City Of Few Houses Amid Miles Of Ruins

By JOHN REET

Few of the people who attended the celebrations in connection with the liberation of Warsaw were present when their city was liberated by the combined forces of the Red Army and the Polish Army two years ago.

After the premature rising in September, 1944, the Germans cleared every living person from the city and systematically razed it to the ground.

When the Allied armies reached it two years ago, it was almost unrecognisable and although the only houses standing were scattered here and there, they were in a state of ruin and had to be destroyed.

One of the Polish soldiers who fought with the First Polish Army described to me how the Marshalowka street, looking like a

desert, was a winding ravine between heaps of bricks and rubble, so heavily piled that they could scarcely be seen. "It was a hell," he said, "but it was a hell worth fighting for."

Miles Of Ruins

Today, looking along the Marshalowka street, particularly at the end, where the rubble has been cleared away, one can see the ruins of the city. It is a sight that is hard to believe.

Tan, a clerk down the road, and the movements in the early evening were jammed with shoppers, office workers on their way home, and the trams of the city.

But it is better not to raise your eyes above the level of the street. For then you will see that the city is a ruin.

It is a sight that is hard to believe. The city is a ruin. The city is a ruin. The city is a ruin.

For the first few days, a visitor arriving in Warsaw from a heavily damaged city such as London, Vienna, or Budapest feels oppressed by the wreckage, and can only see ruins wherever he looks. And unless he takes a car and goes out for quite a long ride, he is all that he will see: the damage to Warsaw is not confined to a few quarters but spreads in a wilderness of miles in every direction.

After a few days, he either develops a blind eye to ruin, or, leaves. Instead, he begins to see

houses, few, though they are, which are still standing, and the houses which somehow, with practice, have been built on the ruins.

As one foreigner residing here for a short time put it: "I see Warsaw now in a city of scattered ruins set in a complex pattern of new, but very jagged mountains. It does not look so bad."

Restoration Work

The work of rebuilding Warsaw, has so far been carried out in accordance with a very simple plan.

(1) Main roads were cleared, let the work gangs get about.

(2) Houses with only superficial damage were put in order; windows and doors were reinstalled.

(3) Houses which were ruined, but which still had a roof, were restored.

(4) Ruins were put on all houses which still had the main floor standing.

The little steps have now been completed and one can see the main roads have been cleared, and the city is a sight that is hard to believe.

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2. 1C Pass 1D Pass

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Now just notice what happened to South at Table 1, in spite of the fact that he was lucky enough to find North with the K to protect his unstopped spades. West led the spade J.

"Cheese! We got two aces per week."

So far as the main items go, that is our food outlook for this year. None is likely to be increased and apparently we cannot even be sure that they will be maintained. We are not promised anything. At the best "it is hoped" that there will be no cut in this or that.

So a food Minister's lot is not a happy one. If he has any leisure time for recreation, after juggling with figures of elusive food supplies, we may wonder how his thoughts would run should he perchance dip into Shakespeare's plays and read therein these famous words:

"Let me have men about me that are fat."

"Sleep-headed men and such as sleep of nights."

"Yield. Cassius has a lean and hungry look."

"He thinks too much. Such men are dangerous."

"Fat men? Sleep-headed men? What—our lot? Surely they would be 'black mares'."

"Men with lean and hungry looks. Who think too much are dangerous—and they are common things."

"They are indeed—the Minister might mither when he tries to sleep o' nights. United States."

Many millions of Germans still fervently insist that the German Army never has been beaten.

Here are the most common German apologies for what happened to their Army. If it was not for these excuses, they would have been withdrawn. High German officers corrupted by luxuries at Stalingrad when they could have been withdrawn. High German officers corrupted by luxuries at Stalingrad when they could have been withdrawn.

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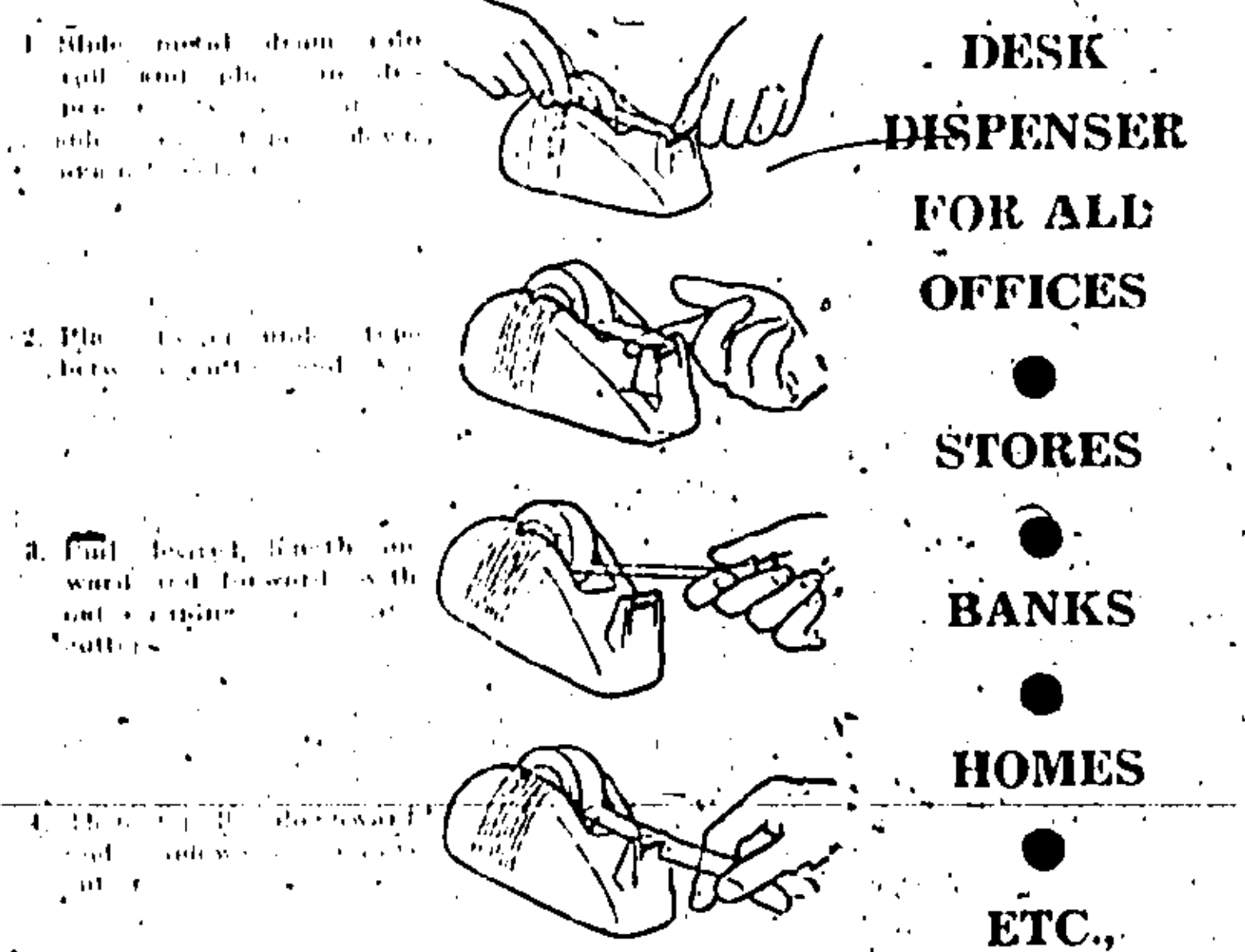
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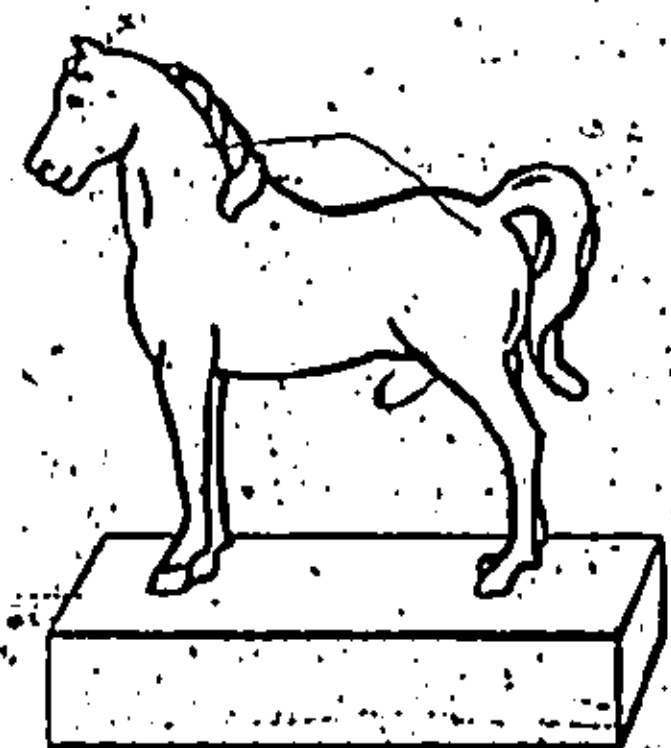
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KESSELRING TRIAL OPENS "War Is A Rough Trade" Letter In Italy

Back To The Gold Standard?

Chicago, Feb. 18.
Secretary of Commerce
Harriman addressing a
world trade conference
sponsored by the Chicago
Association of Commerce
and Industry, said
that "without expanding
world trade, our own
economy must shrink."

Another speaker, John Abtink,
chairman of the National Foreign
Trade Council, advocated
"serious consideration" of a
return to the gold standard.

Abtink declared he had a growing
conviction that it was time
for the United States to consider
the free coinage and circulation
of gold.

He added:
"Every trading nation of the
world with the important exception
of Russia, wants its currency
to have a high stability value in
international markets as a means
of stimulating its foreign trade."

"The problem today is not as
it may have been in the '30s,
one of too little money, but rather
that of too much 'soft' money."

"Other currencies now are tied
to the dollar as they once were
to sterling. Get the dollar itself
back on gold and a 'hard' money
standard will be re-established."

Abtink warned that another
world devaluation race might result
if the soft money or devalued
currency situation continues
"until the well of credit runs dry."
—Associated Press.

Saigon Fire Disaster

Saigon, Feb. 17.
Fires which gutted a large
area of the native quarter ad-
joining Saigon destroyed the
homes of over 1,000 Chinese,
according to the Chinese Con-
sulate.

More Annamites were rendered
homeless; it was stated. The
second fire within 24 hours
broke out last night and in less
than two hours hundreds of
straw-thatched, mud, wood and
palm-leaf huts were ablaze.

Chinese and Annamites spent
the night and this morning
salvaging the few remains of
their homes. Armed French
civil and military police were
present as a security measure.

It has not yet been estab-
lished whether the fires are the
act of terrorists or an accident.
No casualties are reported.
—Reuters.

American Aid For The Orient

Chicago, Feb. 17.
Arthur B. Foye, president of Far East American
Council of Commerce and Industry, told the
World Trade Conference today that the Orient
presents a challenge that U.S. businessmen
cannot afford to ignore.

"He said although the area is
now generally politically and
economically disrupted, the
peoples of these areas are awak-
ening. They are becoming more
alert to possibilities of improving
their living standards by applica-
tion of modern science and
technology."

"If we help them to achieve this
goal the result may well be the
expansion of American trade with
the Orient far beyond all pre-
vious totals."

He pointed out that United
States industry, instead of being
weakened by the war, emerged
with unprecedented capacity for
production and the United

Ardeatine Caves Massacre

Venice, Feb. 17.
The prosecution opened the trial of Field Marshal
Albert Kesselring today with evidence that he
issued a specific order on the "shooting of wo-
men, old men and children" and that he was
responsible for the reprisal slaying of 1,078
Italians for the deaths of 30 German soldiers.

The chief prosecutor, Colonel
R.C. Huber, read to the court
Kesselring's orders and previous
interrogation notes to show that
Italy entered the war against
Germany's will and that, although
numerically superior, the Italians
made no such sacrifices as the
Germans in Africa and Sicily,
thus resulting in a slowly-mount-
ing hate of the Germans for the
Italians.

Kesselring's letters to the Ger-
man Ambassador to Mussolini's
"Northern republic," show that
Mussolini, although still giving
alliance to the Germans, was
protesting constantly against Ger-
man "Army reprisals" against
Italian civilians.

As Kesselring, in a light brown
Lafayette uniform without a fly-
ing, marched to the prisoner's
dock in the Venice Assizes Court,
a black-veiled Italian widow
shouted "Assassin."

Col. Huber's chief point to es-
tablish Kesselring's guilt was a
statement in the Field Marshal's
letter to the German Ambassador:
"I will protect any commander
who exceeds our usual restraint
in carrying out reprisals against
civilians or partisans."

In the same letter, Kesselring
added: "After we have beaten
especially a fight against cunning
and treachery."

Ardeatine Caves

Col. Huber specified that in ad-
dition to evidence on the
Ardeatine caves massacre of 335
Italians, the prosecution would
show Kesselring's responsibility
for 11 reprisal incidents between
June and August, 1944, in which
1,078 Italian civilians were killed
for 30 German dead.

Col. Huber said he would prove
that Kesselring ordered his troops
to take the "most barbarous
methods against Italian civilians."
The prosecutor also read from
Kesselring's order "to arrest
partisans in areas where partisans
were prevalent and to take such
measures as counter measures
became necessary."

"Ring leaders will be shot in
public," the order said. "Counter
measures must be just, but harsh.
The dignity of the German
police demands it."
Kesselring said Mussolini "has
condemned extreme action
against Italian civilians, thus
making us new enemies."
"Measures must not be left with
sub-commanders," the order ad-
ded.

Countermanded

In countermanding another of
his own orders, which bore the
title "shooting of women, old
men and children," Kesselring
said: "I am revolted at the man-
ner in which it was carried out
and am no longer content to
—United Press.

Russia Gets A Reply

Washington, Feb. 17.
The United States has re-
plied to the Russian note com-
plaining of a statement about
Russia's aims made by Mr.
Dean Acheson, Under Secre-
tary of State. It was disclosed
here today. The United States
note has been sent by General
George Marshall, Secretary of
State, to M. Vyacheslav Molotov,
the Soviet Foreign Com-
missioner.

It will be delivered by Gen-
eral Bechtel-Smith, the U.S.
Ambassador in Moscow. The
note's contents were not dis-
closed. —Reuter.

Canada's Political Allegiance

London, Feb. 17.
Mr. Tim Buck, leader of the Labour Progressive
Party of Canada, said, speaking at a press con-
ference today, that Canadian Communists
found themselves compelled to fight more
against the "complete subordination of Canada
to the United States" than against British im-
perialism.

The Canadian Communists' open-
ing on February 26 and will last a
week. Discussions will not be
confined to British colonial
problems, but will also em-
brace general topics such as the
Middle East and South-East
Asia. —United Press.

The future of the Canadian
people, Buck said, was best
served by remaining within the
Commonwealth.

Mr. Palmer Dutton, colonial
expert for the British Commu-
nist Party and chief organizer
of the Empire conference, an-
nounced that the conference
would try to find the answers
to difficult problems facing the
British Empire and strengthen
"cooperation between progres-
sive movements throughout the
Commonwealth."

Communist leaders from
Malaya, Canada, South Africa,
Ceylon, Australia, Cyprus,
Palestine and India, and frat-
ernal delegates from France,
Holland, Belgium, Cuba,
Greece, Syria and Lebanon at-
tended the conference.

FORGERY CHARGE

Washington, Feb. 17.
Colonel Charles Malin, for-
merly executive officer to the
Chief of Army Air Force per-
sonnel, testifying at the Hesse
jewel theft trial of Colonel
Jack Durant, said that Durant,
shortly before his arrest
sought to get out of the Army
by forging his chief's name on
a separation order.

John Burroughs, Washington
auto dealer, said he sold Dur-
ant a new car and bought one
large diamond from him.
—United Press.

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VIET NAM WARNING

Saigon, Feb. 18.
Viet-Nam radio declared
that "if the agreement of
last March 6 is going to be
considered valid by France, we
renounce any integration in-
to the French Union and will
fight for national indepen-
dence." —Associated Press.

Treaty For Austria Progressing

London, Feb. 17.
The Foreign Ministers
deputies today agreed in
principle on the preamble to
the treaty with
Austria which will in-
clude a clause annulling
Austria's Anschluss with
Germany.

Differences between the de-
puties on several minor points of
the preamble are to be left to
the Moscow conference.
Both Russian and British de-
puties oppose the United States pro-
posal for a guarantee of Austria's in-
dependence and territorial in-
tegrity.

Lord Hood said the United Na-
tions could be expected to take
care of Austria's independence.
Soviet Deputy, however, said the
deputy wanted it would be wrong
to devise a security system out-
side the United Nations. France
supported the United States pro-
posal. It was decided that the
American and French views on
this issue be incorporated in the
deputies' report for the Moscow
conference. —United Press.

Confession No Concern Of Court

London, Feb. 17.
The reasons for the dis-
missal of an appeal
against the death sen-
tence passed on a man
for murder to which an-
other man later confess-
ed, were given by the
Court of Criminal Ap-
peal today.

Walter Graham, 36-
years old soldier, had appealed
against the sentence passed on
him for the murder of Olive Dal-
chin on a bombed site in Man-
chester when David John Warr,
awaiting trial at Liverpool, con-
fessed to the crime. The court re-
fused to hear Warr's evidence, the
judge said today because it was
not a proper tribunal for it being
concerned with the examination
of proceedings of inferior courts.

"There exists an authority in
the person of the Home Secretary
who has all the necessary
machinery," the judge said. "We
have no legal ground for inter-
fering with the verdict of a jury
and accordingly dismiss the ap-
peal." —Reuter.

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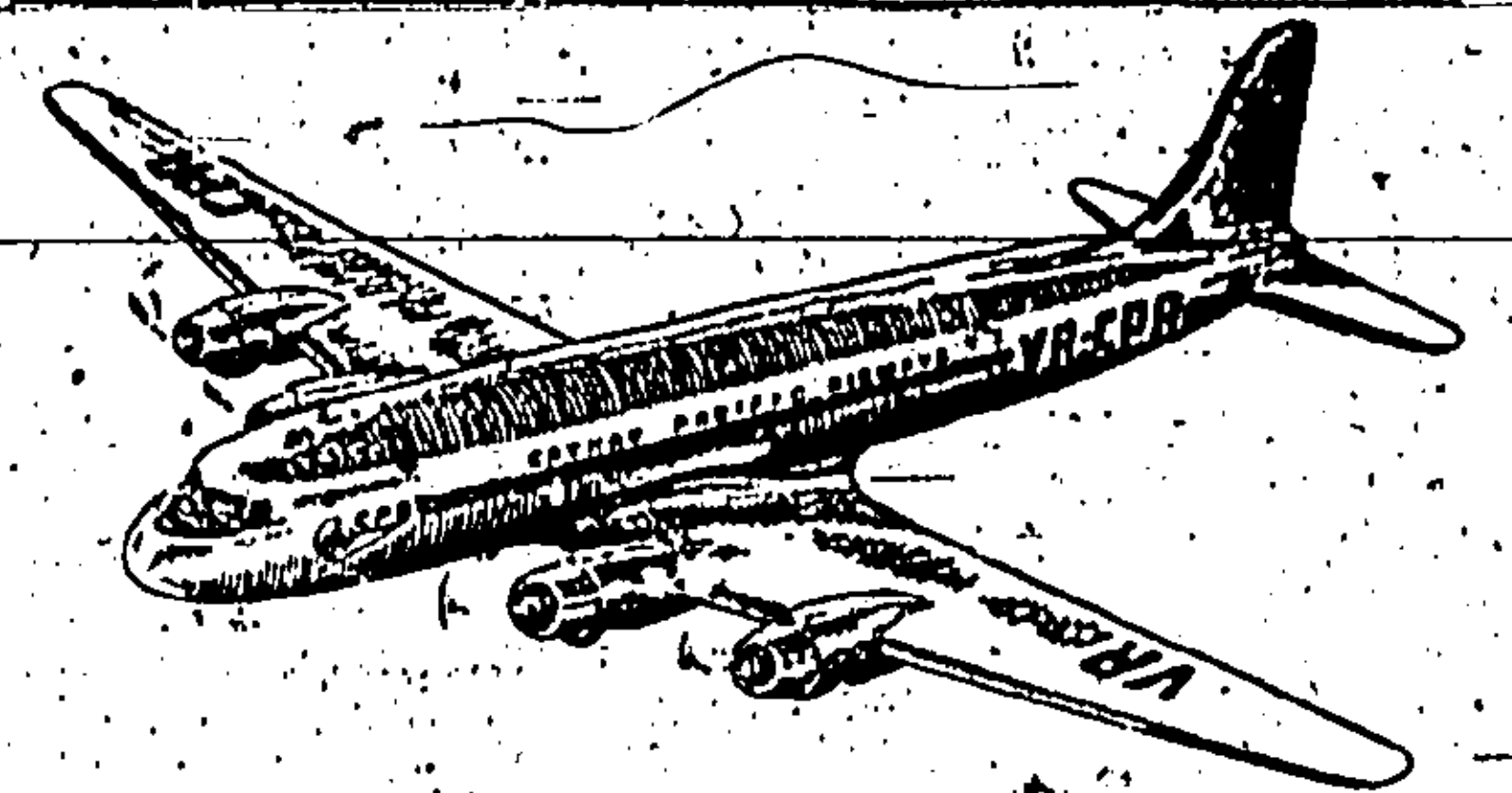
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BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC ILLS

London, Feb. 17.

It is reliably learned that the British Government's White Paper on the economic situation this week will show that the Government is determined on a policy which the United States probably and the German public certainly would consider impossible: It is determined to have a planned domestic economic system without controlling either labour or wages and without planning the export trade.

A senior trade official, interviewed by Reuters, said: "Everyone tells us it cannot be done, that the Nazis found that even exchange control could not be maintained without gradual but eventually complete extension of controls through the entire national system," but he emphasised: "The Government is certain that it can be done and they are going to try to do it."

The utmost that the Government apparently intends doing in officially directing exports to various overseas markets is "encouragement" to those firms with a steady market in hard currency countries. "Encouragement" seems to be the new official word for granting majority supplies of scarce materials and other facilities.

The White Paper will contain an extremely comfortable picture even without including the present crisis. But it will

Will Get By

On Britain's immediate economic situation, officials are unexpectedly cheerful. A Board of Trade spokesman said: "There is no doubt at all that as things stand at present, we shall get by. Naturally, if the stoppage of work continues much longer, the situation will become extremely serious and if it continues very much longer it could be catastrophic but the industry at present most vitally concerned with the ending of the stoppage, namely transport, has really got down to the job of moving the coal."

Although stocks of essential consumer goods, for example textiles, are "very far from large," the official indicated that there should be sufficient to prevent shops being emptied at any time—if the public goes slow on spending the clothing coupons available on March 1 and especially if the validity period of these coupons is extended (which means reducing British clothing ration by at least one seventh).

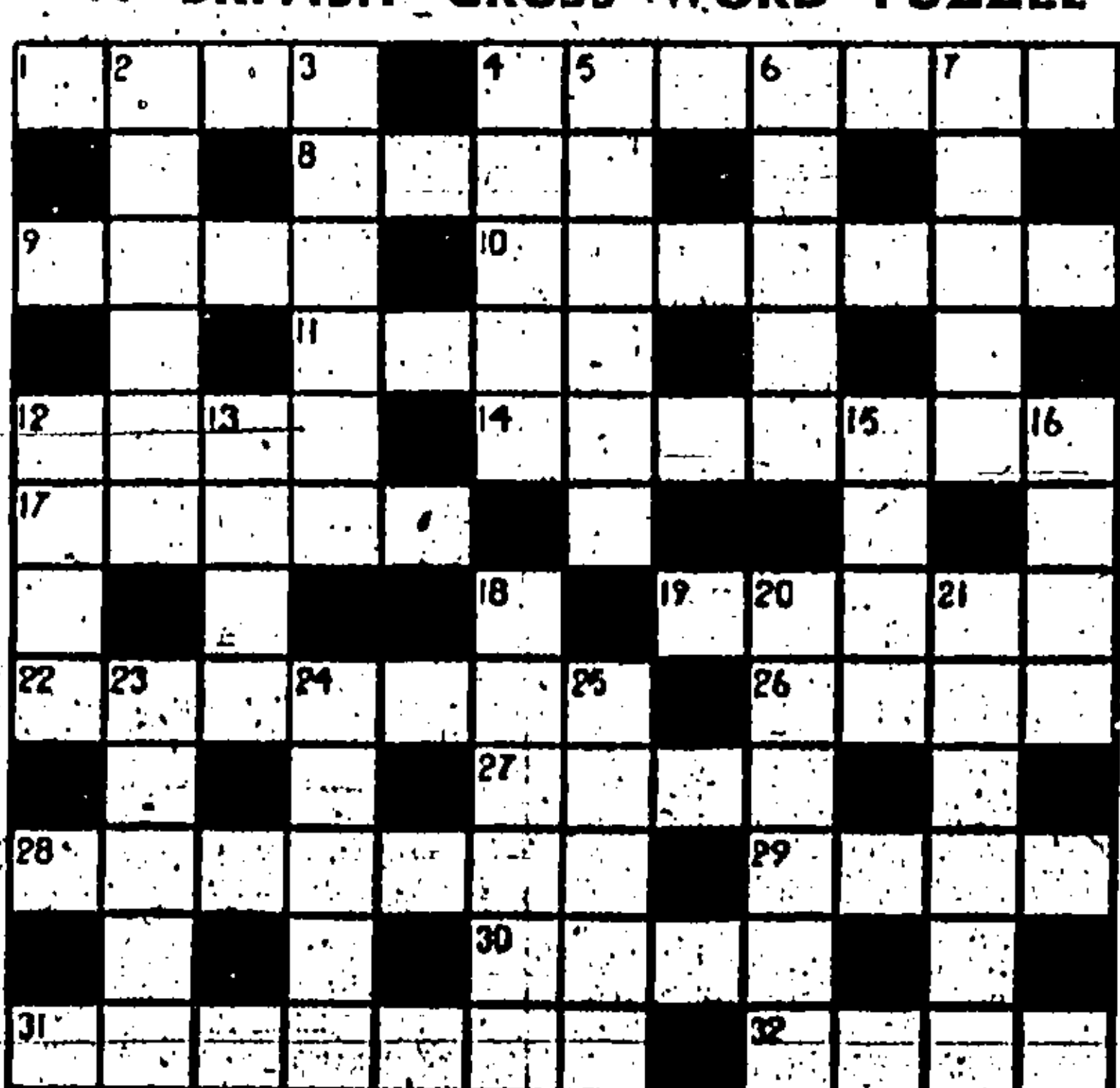
Probable Deficit

Officials say that any attempt now to assess the probable deficit in production on either the domestic or export market due to the present crisis would be "crystal-gazing" but they flatly deny that the cut in domestic supplies will be compensated by further inroads on export production.

They say that the British public's reaction to the present crisis has been too good to allow any doubts that "Britain will take in its belt again" for whatever period may be necessary.

They add, however, that the future situation, when the United States and Canadian credits will be exhausted, looks less certain for "getting by," Reuters.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Support.
- Fighting men.
- Deposited.
- Duplicated.
- Entrance.
- Drop.
- Marriage ceremony.
- Prize up.
- Herd.
- Angry.
- Attest.
- Proceedings.
- Negat.
- Genuine.
- Conquers.
- Spikes.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. Thrill; 2. Scope; 3. Hatch; 4. Pastor; 10. Hiker; 11. Ebb; 12. Tool; 13. Meant; 14. Dure; 15. Spire; 20. Sweet; 22. Lamb; 23. Scrap; 24. Broth; 25.

Clues Down

- Brick rubbish.
- Pawn.
- Relict.
- Idolised.
- Vast expanse.
- Run away.
- Assert.
- Expanded.
- Abandon.
- Child's toy.
- Seller.
- Ingenuous.
- Sharp.
- Prescribed quantities.
- Love; 28. Shies; 29. Dfones.

- DOWN: 1. Tipsters; 2. Response; 3. Shoe; 4. Harbour; 5. Schmeer; 6. Chides; 7. Preen; 14. Assault; 15. Tumbler; 16. Dishes; 17. Related; 18. Pestic; 21. Wren; 24. Tib.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Feb. 18.

The announcement that the Supreme court will hand down no decision in the Lewis coalminers case yet touched off a brief recovery rally in the stock market. Selected issues gained fractions to three points of 80-basis, and a number of minus signs perished at the close.

Transfers were around 900,000. Among the gainers were US Gypsum, Oliver Corporation, Santa Fe, and Southern Railway. Los Angeles included Philip Morris and American Woolen.

The Dow Jones industrial stocks rose 0.25 points to 182.20, 10 rails 51.60, 10 utilities 27.23.

Alaska Express 10 1/2, Alaska Juneau 5 1/2, American Can 22 1/2, American Smelting 50, American Telephone 17 1/2, American Waterways 10 1/2, American Tobacco 10 1/2, American Copper 10 1/2, Aviation Corporation 7 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 24, Borden 23 1/2, Borden Aviation 35, Chrysler 90 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 30 1/2, Borden 43 1/2, Canadian Pacific 14 1/2, 1/2, Coe 37 1/2, Chrysler 10 1/2, Colgate 18 1/2, Commercial Solvents 24 1/2, Corn Products 23 1/2, Dupont 10 1/2, Eastman Kodak 22 1/2, Electric Light & Power 19 1/2, General Electric 30 1/2, General Motors 42 1/2, Goodyear 29 1/2, Greyhound 30, International Harvester 31, International Paper 20 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 17, Johns Manville 10 1/2, Kennecott Copper 14 1/2, Montgomery Ward 6 1/2, National Distillers 24 1/2, National Lead 33 1/2, New York Central 20 1/2, Packaged Motors 7 1/2, Pan American Airways 18 1/2, Pennsylvania Railroad 20 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 53 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 51 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 51 1/2, Union Bag 33 1/2, Union Carbide 24 1/2, U.S. Rubber 54 1/2, U.S. Steel 78 1/2, Westinghouse 27 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 7 1/2, Associated Press.

JAPANESE TRADE

London, Feb. 17.

A Foreign Office spokesman today confirmed that the British Government has approved the State Department "on the subject of opening Japanese trade."

He said the American response had been "favourable," but indicated the question had not progressed beyond diplomatic exchanges. — United Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, the following articles and parcels should be sent earlier than the time stated below—

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

Tianjin (Kowloon) 10 a.m.
Straits and Egypt 10 a.m.
Mandala P. 10 a.m.
Bahrain 2 p.m.
Shanghai 3 p.m.
Australia via Sydney, Kowloon 3 p.m.
(Per. and Rec.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
G.P.O. (Per. and Rec.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Nagasaki, Tientsin and Shikoku 4 p.m.
Kobe 4 p.m.
Canton (by train) 4 a.m.
Afloat for Hongkong, Calcutta, D.D. 4 a.m.
Johannesburg and Cape Town 4 p.m.
(Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m. G.P.O. (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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S.S. "HINSANG"	to Straits & Calcutta 4th March.
S.S. "WOSANG"	to Sandakan 6th March.
S.S. "TINGSANG"	to Shanghai & Keelung 7th March.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "MAUSANG"	from Calcutta & Sandakan, Singapore 2 p.m. 19th Feb. No. 3 Kowloon Wharf.
S.S. "ESANG"	from Singapore & Penang 22nd Feb.
S.S. "LOKSANG"	from Kobe (Japan) 23rd Feb.
S.S. "HINSANG"	from Sandakan 24th Feb.
S.S. "WOSANG"	from Shanghai & Keelung 27th Feb.
S.S. "TINGSANG"	from Singapore 27th Feb.

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All intruding passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

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"TAISHAN PEAK"	Bombay & Colombo	Early March.
"SAMFEUGH"	U.K.	End March.
"PINJARRA"	U.K.	End March.
"STRATHMORE"	U.K.	End March.
"SAMSOARING"	U.K.	April.
"TREVELYAN"	U.K.	April.

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Freddie Mills Wins By A Knock-Out

DAVIS CUP

Wellington, Feb. 17. The New Zealand Davis Cup team, comprising R. S. McKenzie, J. E. Robinson, J. A. McKinnon, and J. A. McKinnon, were defeated by the British team in the first round of the Davis Cup tournament on March 13.

Tonight's Boxing

The Services Boxing Tournament at the China Club this evening will be a most interesting one.

With the exception of the light flyweight bout between You Whitfield and L. Sign Taylor, which is a very rough and tussle, all the other fights will be under 125 lbs.

The last fight of the evening is between A. B. Cudmore (Tanner) and L. Sign Taylor (Asphion). This is a very rough and tussle, and is expected to be a good one.

The following is the programme:

Welterweight
A. B. Cudmore (Tanner) v. L. Sign Taylor (Asphion)

Middleweight
M. C. O'Shea (42 Cdo.) v. M. O'Shea (42 Cdo.)

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Freddie Mills, British cruiserweight champion, knocked out Enrico Bertola, of Italy, in the fifth round of a ten-round fight at the Royal Albert Hall tonight.

In the first round Bertola, far from outclassed, landed some heavy punches to Mills' body and for a time Mills appeared to be sluggish. Mills did shake the Italian with a left hook, but he came back again with a two-listed attack.

A pause showed under Mills' eye as he came up for the second round and Bertola seemed quite content to participate in the fight. Mills landed twice with good lefts, but Bertola came back to punish the British champion about the body. Then a right caught Mills on the side of the head and the Briton seemed to have no guard against the Italian's right hand.

After two rounds Bertola had given more than he had taken. In the third, Bertola was sent back on his heels with lefts to the body, but Mills again staggered with a right and for a time seemed to be in trouble.

Quick Finish
Bertola was cheered in the fourth round when he met Mills' rush with heavy body punches. Mills then landed lefts on his opponent's chin, but himself took punishment when in the ropes. Again, Mills attacked and Bertola's nose bled before he was sent down for a count of five when the bell saved him.

No Guard
Bertola had a weary look and no apparent guard in the fifth when Mills quickly finished the battle.

The Italian was always ready to mix it, but as the light advanced Mills' punching was harder, though Bertola staged a

Quantrell (44 Cdo.)

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INVITE TO LOUIS

London, Feb. 17. Promoter Jack Solomons today invited Joe Louis to fight him in the Woodcock-Hanki fight at Harringway on March 25.

M.C.C. Skittled Out

Melbourne, Feb. 18. Victoria took the honours on the fourth and last day of their match against the MCC which ended in a draw. Starting the day 154 runs behind the tourists' first innings total of 355 four wickets in hand, Victoria made a valiant attempt to gain a first innings lead but failed by only 2.

Then their spin-bowlers Ring and Tribe set to work in the two and three-quarter hours remaining and skittled the tourists out for 118. Tribe was in a devastating mood and claimed six wickets for 49.

Lindsay Hassett, the Victorian captain, hit his second century against the tourists during Victoria's first innings. He batted for four hours, forty minutes.

M.C.C. (1st Innings): All Out 355

VICTORIA

Hassett, c. Fishlock, b. Yardley 120

Freer, c. Beder, b. Pollard 22

Tribe, c. Beder, b. Wright 60

Baker, not out 13

Johnson, absent, hurt 0

Extras 6

Total 327

O. M. W. R.

Beder 26 1 2 30

Pollard 26 4 2 72

Wright 24 2 1 4 103

Yardley 7 1 1 27

Tribe 5 1 0 25

Fall of wickets: 7-25, 8-27, 9-327.

(The full Victorian scores were not received owing to atmospheric disturbances.)

M.C.C.

Second Innings

Washbrook, c. Miller, b. Freer 11

Fishlock, b. Ring 0

Gibb, b. Loxton 10

Compton, c. Freer, b. Ring 10

Hardstaff, c. Hassett, b. Tribe 26

Idin, b. Tribe 12

Yardley, b. Tribe 28

Evans, b. Tribe 6

Beder, c. and b. Tribe 6

Pollard, b. Baker, b. Tribe 8

Wright, not out 8

Extras 2

Total 113

O. M. W. R.

Miller 2 1 0 2

Freer 4 1 1 9

Idin 5 0 1 11

Yardley 13 0 0 5

Tribe 14 0 0 36

Meuleman 2 1 0 4

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Soviets Ask For Details

Lake Success, Feb. 17. Soviet sources today said the Soviet had failed in efforts to obtain details of the United States proposals for an international authority to manage and develop basic atomic energy facilities.

They disclosed that the Russian representative in the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission asked the United States representative how the proposed world atomic development authority would function and the American plan, but the query was not answered.

The proposal for an authority, with broad powers to operate basic atomic plants, was one of the major provisions of the American control plan.

Soviet sources also reveal that M. Andrei Gromyko will again propose a treaty for the immediate prohibition of atomic bombs when he appears before the Security Council tomorrow with Russia's proposals for changes in the American atomic plan.

Before the Council takes up the atomic question it will consider the British-Australian case on the banning of the Corfu channel.

VIET NAM'S DEFIANCE

Hanoi, Feb. 17.

The Viet Nam Government, in a broadcast this morning, announced the abolition of the French-Viet Nam Treaty of March 6, 1946 and declared that the Viet Nam Government will continue to fight for its independence to the very last.

The broadcast also blamed the French Government for having attempted to wrest the Paracel Islands from China, the rightful owner.

BASKETBALL

Basketball hits into the big time here in Hong Kong when the Helens basketball team from U.S.S. Helens plays against the strong South China Athletic Association quintette this afternoon at the newly laid court at Caroline Hill.

Starting time will be 5 p.m.

The high-powered Americans have beaten many strong teams along the China Coast and should give local cage fans some real class basketball.

Let by veteran Captain Shek Chen-wei, the South China A.A. squad have been practicing hard and will be at full strength.

A large crowd is expected to witness the encounter.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Will all intending entrants for the Colony Championship and Cricket Club events note that entries close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd February, 1947.

Entries for the Colony Championship can be had on application from Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. Windsor House 2nd Floor.

Armada To Defy Britain

London, Feb. 17.

The "Daily Telegraph" reports that the British Government is believed to be completing plans to send an armada of American-manufactured ships to France, Italy and Greece to pick up Jewish immigrants and transport them to the Holy Land.

In this way they hope to get large numbers of immigrants into Palestine before the United Nations begin to consider the country's future, the dispatch said.

The promoters are said to be convinced that the vast majority of the American crowd are ex-Service men, the British will be reluctant to interfere with the vessels.

The first American ship, "Ulu," is expected to leave for Palestine soon.

Wellington Koo Sees Marshall

Washington, Feb. 17.

After a 70-minute conference today with the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, the Chinese Ambassador, Wellington Koo, said that he had explored the possibilities of any aid which the United States could give China in her economic crisis.

Dr. Koo said that there was much that the United States could do to help, and he had exchanged views with General Marshall on many questions—economic and industrial.

China had been expecting to receive reparations from Japan for a long time, he said, and he hoped the delays would at last be ended. What was to be delivered in the form of reparations would be determined by the Supreme Commander, General Douglas MacArthur, he added.

Dr. Koo said that he had not discussed with General Marshall the mobilization of private Chinese assets in the United States.

Food For Britain

London, Feb. 17.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told the House of Commons today that he expected Britain would receive "substantial quantities" of wheat and coarse grains from Argentina this year.